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VADM Joseph Stewart Announces Retirement from U.S. Merchant Marine Academy *Career Spans Over 40 Years of Public Service*

Vice Admiral Joseph D. Stewart, Superintendent of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, has announced his retirement from government service. VADM Stewart's career spanned over 44 years of public service to the United States as a Marine Corps officer and member of the civilian Senior Executive Service.

"After 10 years at Kings Point and over 44 years in service to our nation, Kathy and I are looking forward to retiring from public service," said VADM Stewart. "I am thankful for the opportunity the Kings Point community afforded both of us during our time here. My memories of the Regiment, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and all the friends of Kings Point will have a lasting impact on my life. This truly was my most memorable assignment."

"Joe Stewart's impact on Kings Point will far outlast his tenure on campus," said Maritime Administrator Sean T. Connaughton, a 1983 graduate of the Academy. "Vice Admiral Stewart and his wife Kathy have devoted their lives to the principles of liberty and freedom, and we are grateful for their years of dedication to our nation."

Prior to his tenure as Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, VADM Stewart served in the U.S. Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Major General. VADM Stewart held command billets beginning at the platoon level and culminating as Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, is operated by the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration. It trains men and women as merchant mariners, and all graduates are required to serve either in the U.S. maritime industry or in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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